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SUBJECT: AUGUST 20 ENGLISH AFTERNOON PAPER THE STAR
CARRIES FOLLOWING EDITORIAL ENTITLED " STORN-IN-A-
TEACUP:"

1. BEGIN QUOTE) DON'T JUDGE CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF
BY HIS YELLOW-HIGH-HEELED SHOES.
2. BASICALLY HE IS A WORTHY HUMANITARIAN EVEN IF HE
IS RATHER LIKE A BULL IN A CROCKERY SHOP IN THREATENING
US WITH TRADE SANCTIONS IF WE DON'T STOP THE TRAFFIC
IN HARD DRUGS WITH AMERICA.
3. IF HE WANTS AMERICA'S OWN ANTI-NARCOTICS AGENTS
TO DO UNDERCOVER WORK IN HONG KONG IT IS ONLY BECAUSE
HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE MORE YOUNG AMERICANS TURNED INTO
VEGETABLES.
4. HIS MOTIVE IS NO LESS WORTHY THAN OUR OWN DESIRE TO

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SAVE OUR OWN YOUTH FROM THE DRUG SCOURGE.

5. BUT WOULD MR. WOLFF BE IN FAVOUR OF HONG KONG'S OWN ANTI-DRUG UNDERCOVER AGENTS OPERATING WITHIN THE UNITED STATES?

6. YET, HAVEN'T WE RATHER COMPROMISED OUR OWN ARGUMENT?

7. WE DO TURN A BLIND EYE TO A MUCH MORE POLITICAL TYPE OF AMERICAN UNDERCOVER AGENT WORKING IN OUR MIDST.

8. ISN'T IT THEN RATHER ODD WE OBJECT TO YET MORE UNDERCOVER MEN WITH MUCH MORE HUMANITARIAN MOTIVES?

9. SECURITY IS NOT REALLY AT STAKE -- BUT PERHAPS NOW OUR TRADE IS, AND THAT'S DISTURBING.

10. THE STAR SAYS MR. WOLFF IS LIKE A BULL IN A CROCKERY SHOP BECAUSE HE DOESN'T SEEM TO APPRECIATE OUR OWN PROBLEMS.

11. DOES HE KNOW, FOR INSTANCE, THE SHORTAGE OF OPIUM IN HONG KONG, AS A RESULT OF RECENT EVENTS IN THAILAND, IS ALREADY DRIVING MORE LOCAL ADDICTS ON TO HEROIN -- AND MERCIFULLY SOME INTO ASKING FOR METHADONE?

12. DOES HE KNOW FOR THOUSANDS OF OUR ADDICTS TO MISS A DAILY "FIX" INCAPACITATES THEM FROM WORK, JEOPARDISES THEIR EARNING CAPACITY TO GET TOMMORROW'S "FIX" -- AND GETTING OFF THAT TREADMILL (THROUGH FORCED WITHDRAWAL) CAN END IN DEATH IN THE GUTTER?

13. THE ONLY THING WE CAN CONCLUDE FROM THE STORM-IN-A-TEACUP MR. WOLFF HAS CREATED IS HOW URGENT IT IS THAT WE, IN HONG KONG, GET ON WITH OUR PROJECTED VAST METHADONE CAMPAIGN -- THEN TO GET MUCH TOUGHER, THAN OUR COURTS ARE NOW, WITH EVEN THE LITTLE PUSHERS. (END QUOTE THE STAR).
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